

The New CSU / IGETC Transfer Pattern

1. *What is motivating this system wide change? Why are looking to create one pattern?*

The passage of AB928 in 2021 requires the entire higher education system to create a SINGLE transfer pattern from the community colleges to the CSUs/UCs. This change is coming externally, we have no control over it at this juncture. We had to negotiate with the CSUs and UCs to create this pattern – we are not in a position to dictate to either of our sister systems. The Cal-GETC pattern was the product of negotiations between the three systems. The UC faculty were unwilling to change some of their requirements but showed flexibility on others. To them, the only alternative to Cal-GETC was the traditional IGETC. With the Cal-GETC at least some disciplines were spared. Here is that negotiated Cal-GETC pathway (approved on our end by the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges in November): (see picture)

2. *What CSU areas are staying the same?*

The “Golden 4” are not changing (Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning), though Oral Communication will require Written Communication (English Composition) as a prerequisite. The new Ethnic Studies requirement remains intact.

3. *What CSU areas are changing?*

Area D (Social and Behavioral Sciences) – it was reduced from 3 courses to 2 in 21-22 but now it will be required that the 2 courses must be from different disciplines

Area C (Arts and Humanities) – reduced to 2 courses - 1 in Arts and 1 in Humanities - in which practical courses such as Drawing or Painting will not count

Area E (Lifelong Learning and Self Development) – going away entirely, though CSU is considering making it upper division or a graduation requirement

4. *How is Cal-GETC different for UC transfer than IGETC ?*

They are adding Oral Communications as a requirement (and requiring English 1A as its prerequisite).

They are no longer requiring language as a transfer requirement -it is becoming a graduation requirement instead.

Incorporated the reductions in Social and Behavioral Sciences & Arts and Humanities as listed above.

5. *What timeline are we looking at?*

By Fall 2025 this will be the only transfer pathway.

6. *What CC disciplines will be most affected when this is implemented?*

The biggest impact will be felt by Kinesiology, Health, and Nutrition (and any other disciplines that fall into Area E), but the Social Sciences, the Behavioral Sciences, the Arts, and the Humanities will also see a significant impact. Communication Studies will be impacted with the inclusion of Written Communication as a prerequisite. We can try to compensate for some of the losses by adding requirements to our local degrees, but that will be a much larger conversation that evaluates our liberal arts mission, the needs of disciplines along with what is best for students. Also, there is a proposal for a change to the Associate Degree GE pattern that aligns with Cal-GETC and increases the minimum units to 21. These conversations should start in our Senates and Curriculum Committees but will most likely require union participation as well.

